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SPACE KNIGHT



Once Eugene “Flash” Thompson got his chance to be a hero, he refused to give it up. When he lost both legs serving his country, Flash formed a symbiotic bond with a body-morphing alien parasite that enabled him to continue serving others. Later, as one of the Guardians of the Galaxy, his Klyntar symbiote was purified on its home planet and Flash was drafted to serve as an Agent of the Cosmos, answering prayers for help from across the universe. Now, Flash is swashbuckling his way across the universe as

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A small impurity can mean the difference between an Agent of the Cosmos and an agent of chaos. A piece of Venom wasn't cleansed, leaving the symbiote wrestling with rage. Tarna, Flash's Agent of the Cosmos mentor, returned to apprehend Venom, but he attacked her Klyntar and escaped. Hopeless and despairing, he drew Flash away from their friends by undoing heroic acts they had accomplished together. Once alone, the Klyntar attempted to convince his host to join him on the slide back into villainy. Luckily, Iqa, Tarna, and Pik and Hilla Rollo rescued Flash and contained Venom. They're all headed for the Klyntar homeworld--quite possibly Venom's last hope of salvation.

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I WANT TO SEE THE TRIAL.

NOT MUCH TO SEE, HILLA.

AAAAAGGGHHH!



VENOM--



MUST FACE THIS ALONE, TARNA. WE MUST SEE WHAT HE TRULY IS. AGENTS OF THE COSMOS ARE AGENTS OF PEACE--



DOES THAT LOOK LIKE PEACE TO YOU, MYNTRIL?

ALL I SEE IS A LOST KLYNTAR...



...AND I HOPE YOU ARE NOT LOST AS WELL.



AND IT'S NOT A TRIAL...



I HATE
LIARS.

I WAS
RAISED
BY ONE.

...IT'S AN
EXECUTION.

SO ME
AND LIARS?
DON'T GET
ALONG.

I SHOULD
HAVE KNOWN
BETTER.

I SHOULD
HAVE
PROTECTED
MY FRIEND.



PERHAPS
WE SHOULD
APPEAL TO
MYNTRIL.

HE DOESN'T
SEEM TO BE THE
LISTENING TYPE.

SKREEEE!



BZZZZT!



THEY
LIED TO
ME, PIK.

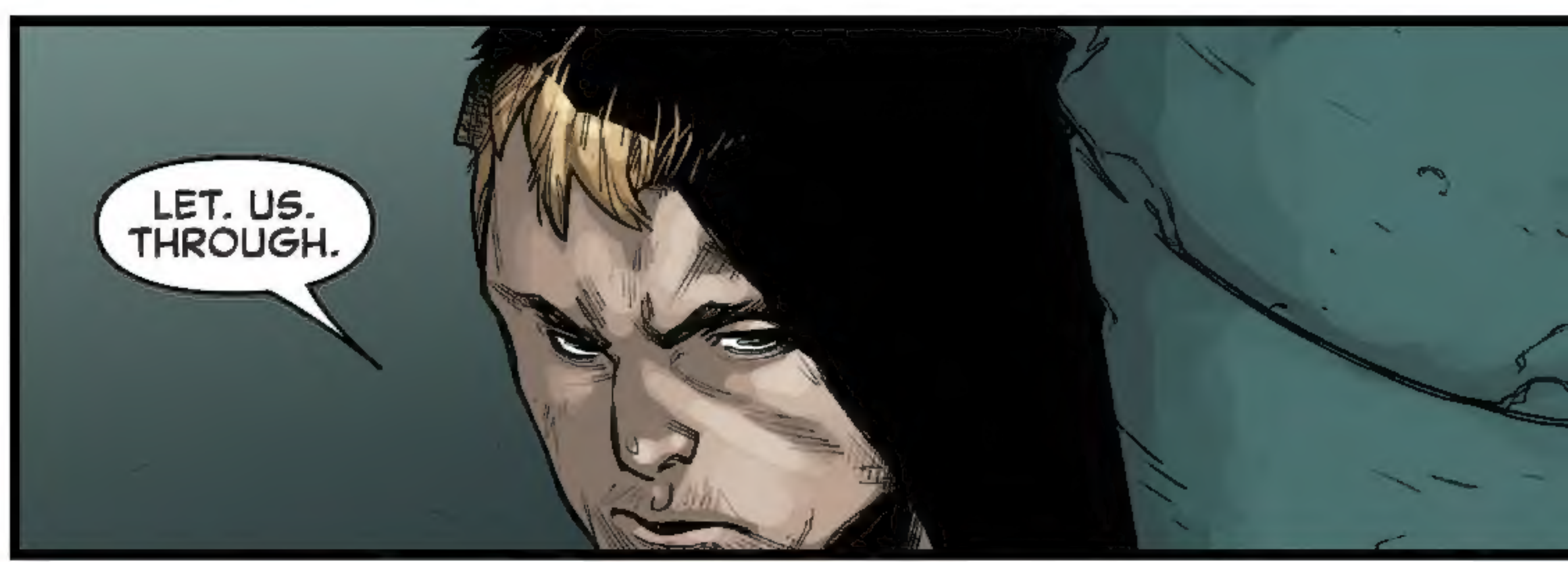


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ARE YOU
GOING?

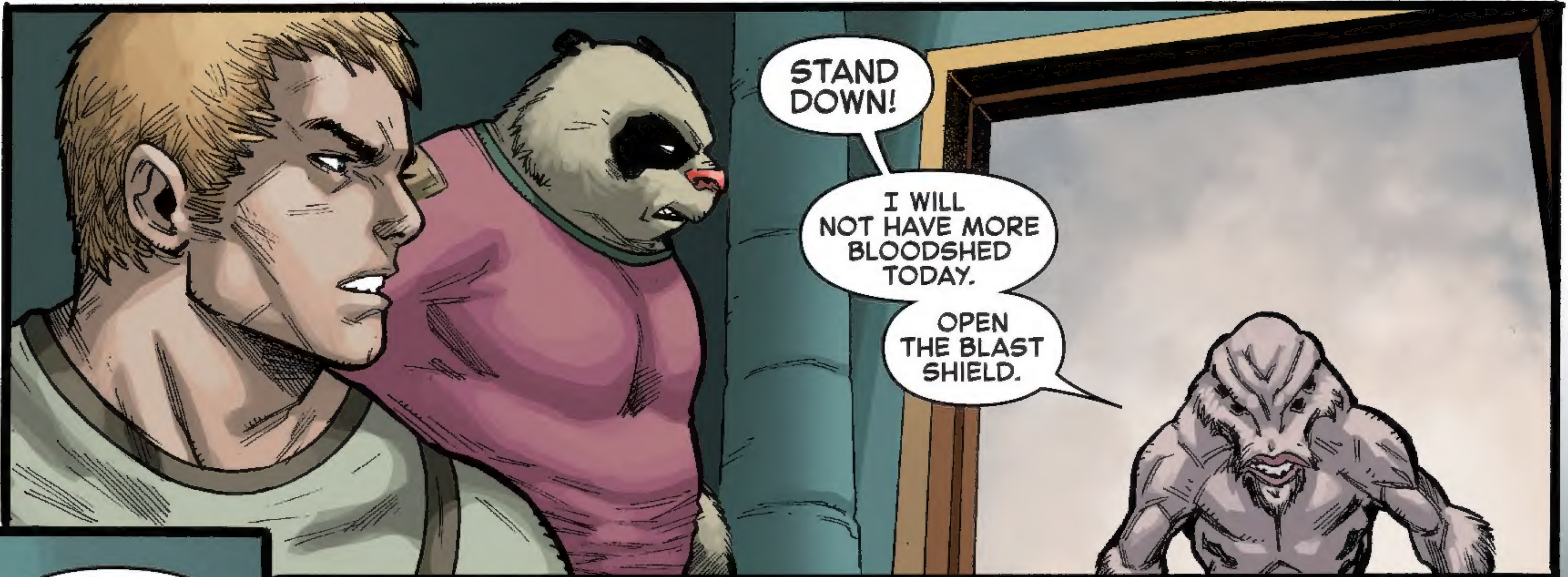
TO
EVEN THE
ODDS.

THAT
SOUNDS LIKE
A TERRIBLE
IDEA.

MIND
IF I JOIN
YOU?







STAND DOWN!

I WILL NOT HAVE MORE BLOODSHED TODAY.

OPEN THE BLAST SHIELD.



BUT SIR, ONLY KLYNTAR--

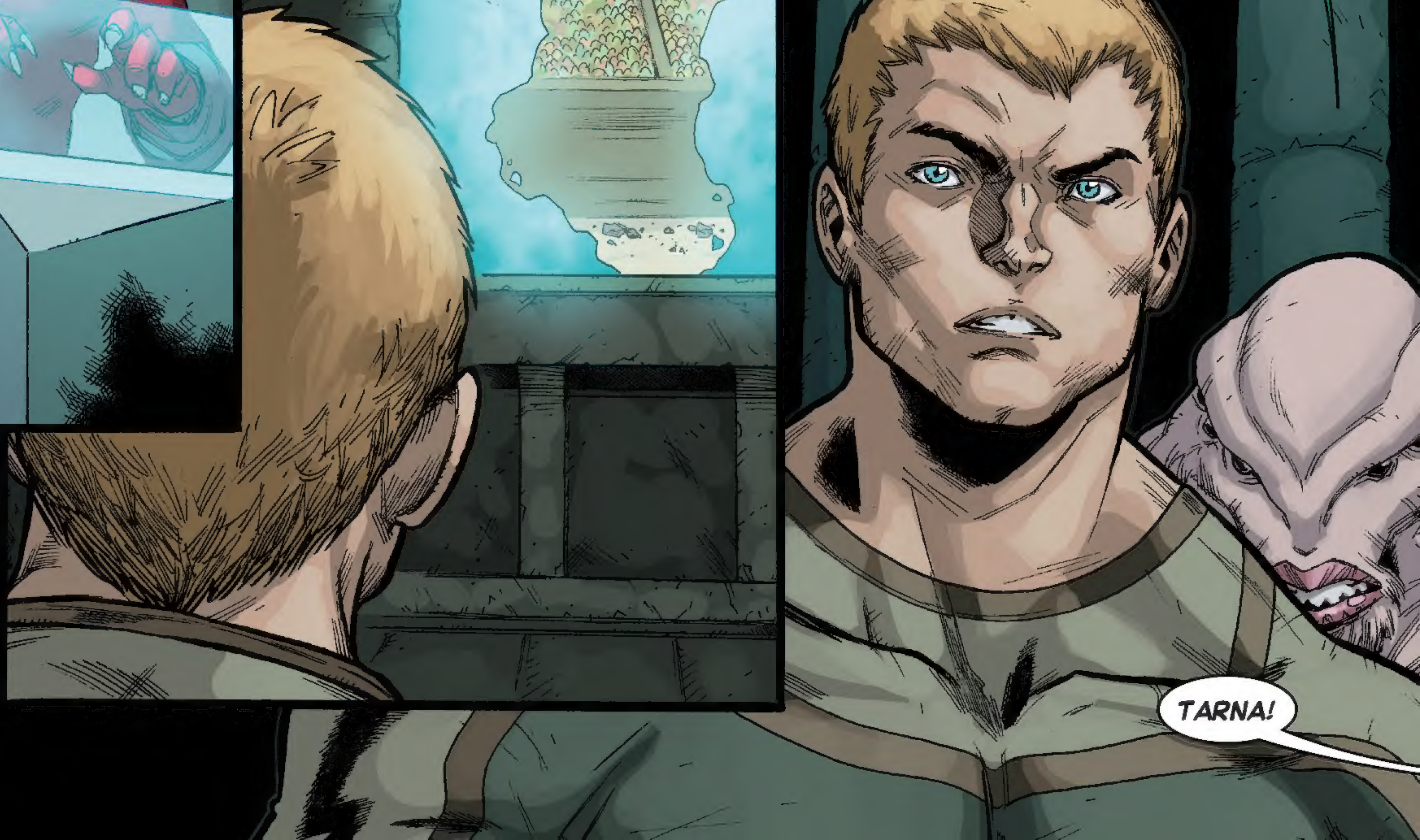
IF THE HUMAN WISHES TO DIE WITH HIS FRIEND... SO BE IT.

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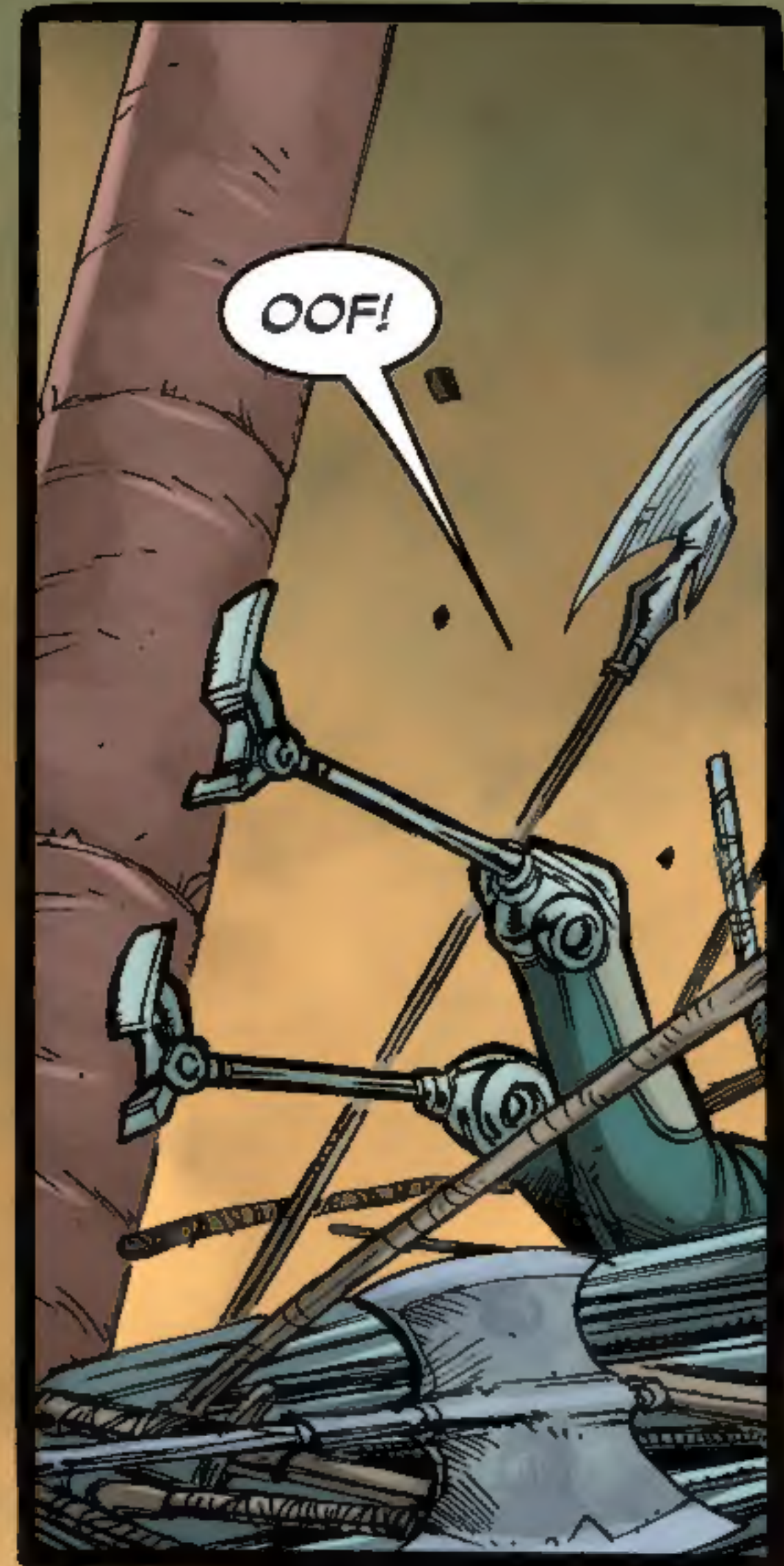
FLASH. IT'S ME. JUMP. YOU HAVE TO--

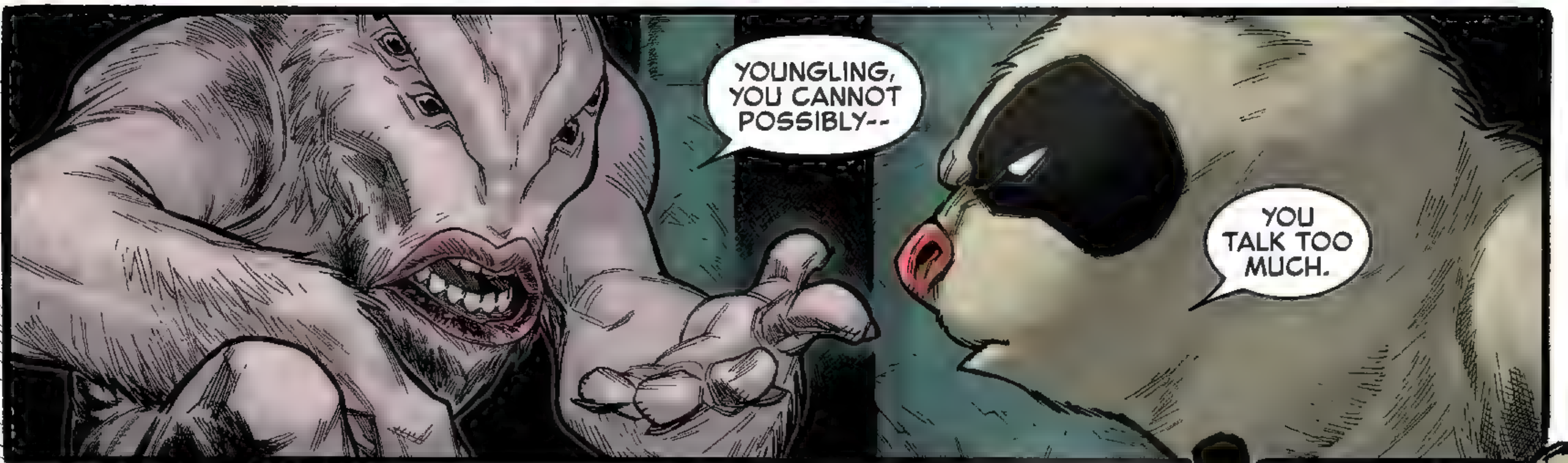
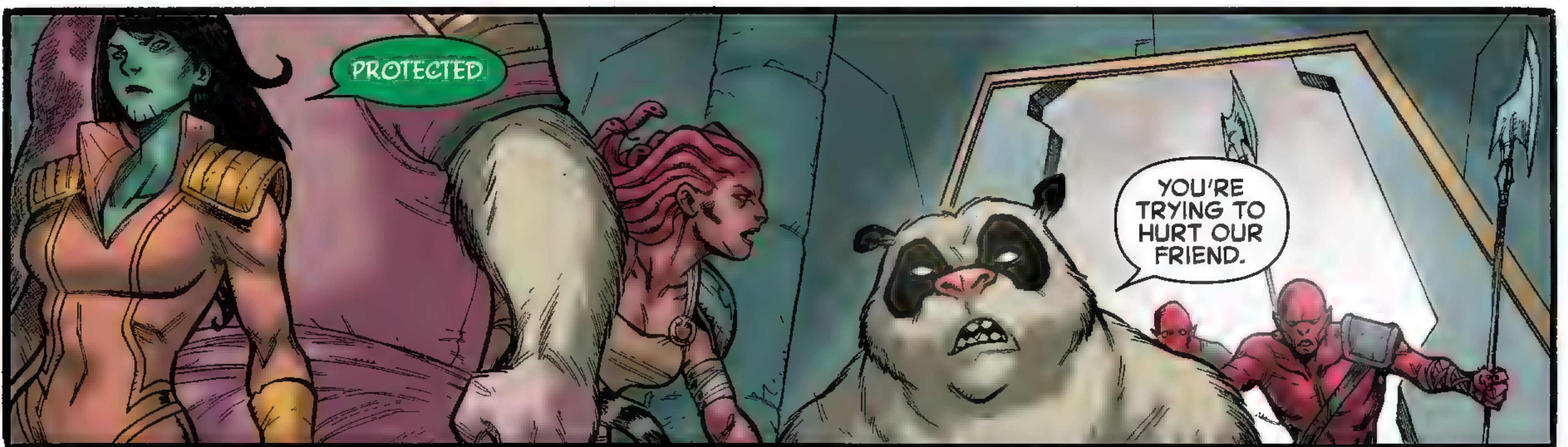
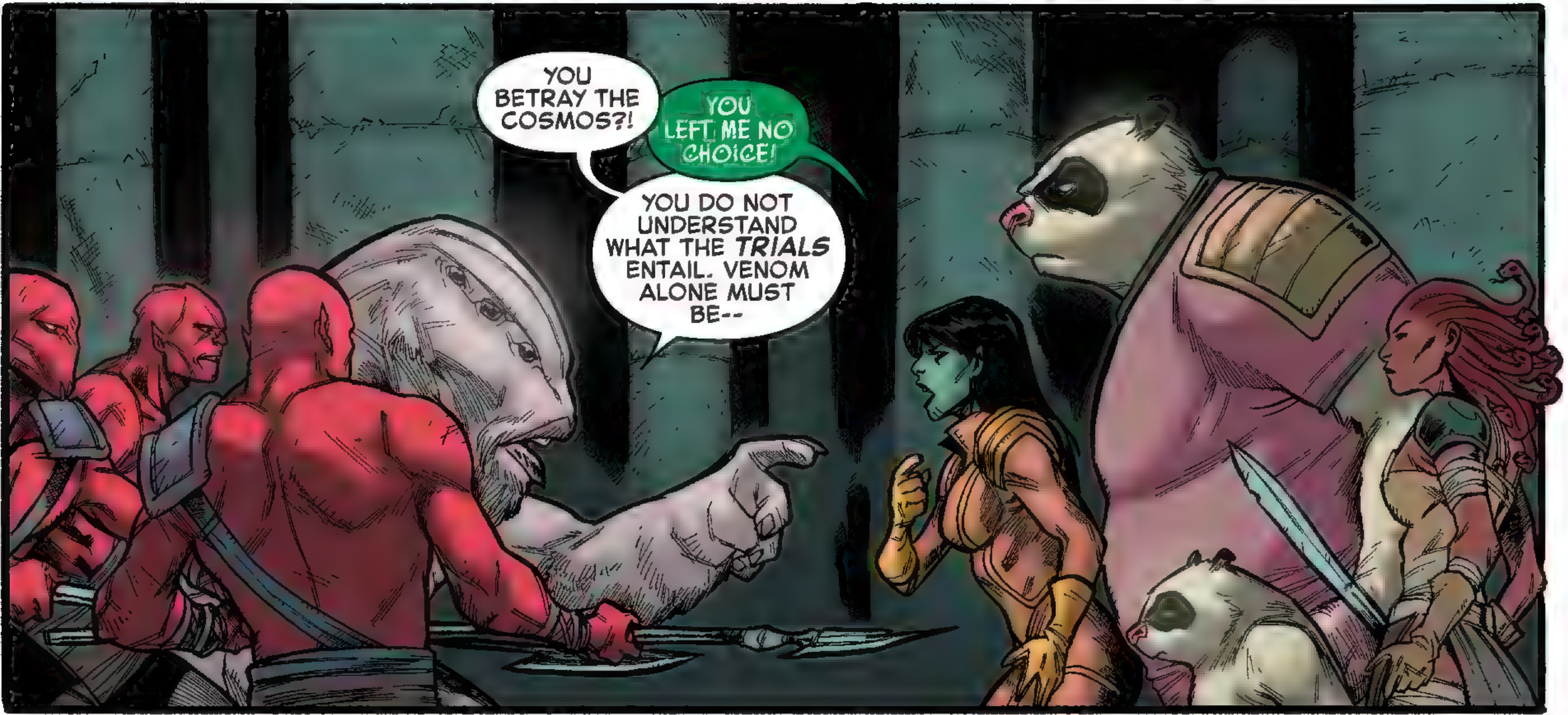
WAIT, WHAT--?!

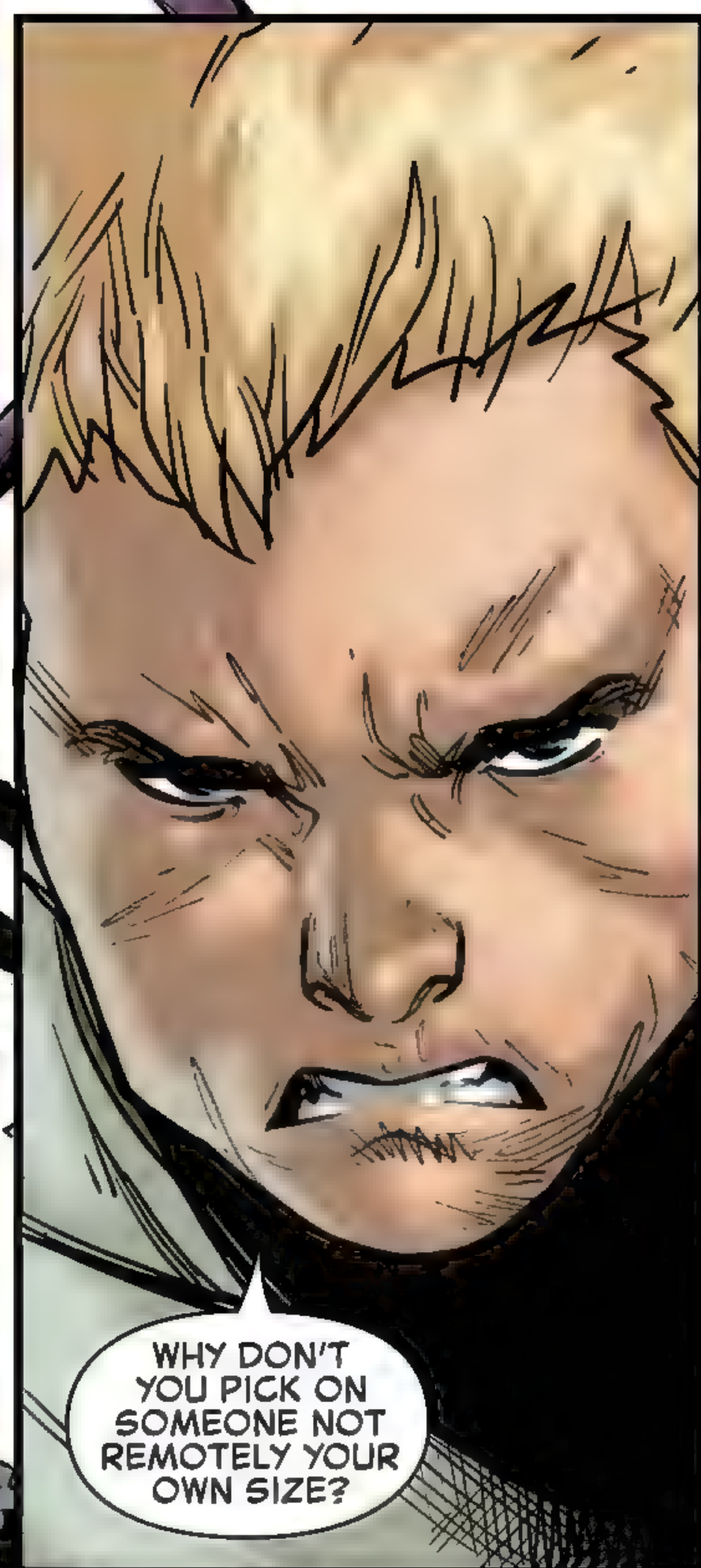


TARNA!











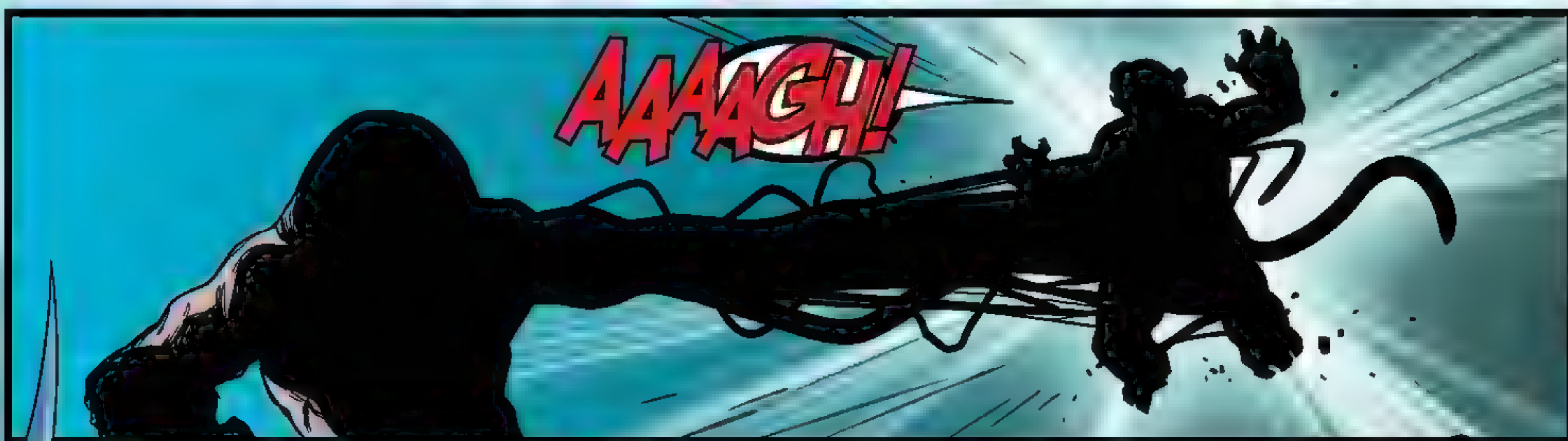
YOU
HAVE BEEN
TAUGHT WELL,
YOUNGLING.



HILLA IS
A ROLLO. ALL
ROLLOS ARE
WARRIORS.



STOP
THE TRIALS,
MYNTRIL.



AAAAGH!!



HILLA!

THE TRIALS
SHALL FINISH WHEN
A JUDGMENT HAS
BEEN MADE.



YOU AGENTS
WANT TO JUDGE
MY FRIEND? FINE.
BUT YOU WON'T
JUDGE HIM
ALONE.

AND YOU
WON'T DO
IT WITH A
FIGHT.



AND VENOM,
WHEN THEY
DUMPED YOU IN
HERE, THEY DIDN'T
ATTACK.

YOU
DID.

THE
AGENTS OF
THE COSMOS
ARE AGENTS
OF PEACE,
RIGHT?



MAYBE
IT'S TIME TO
GIVE PEACE A
CHANCE.



YESSS,
PEACCCCE.



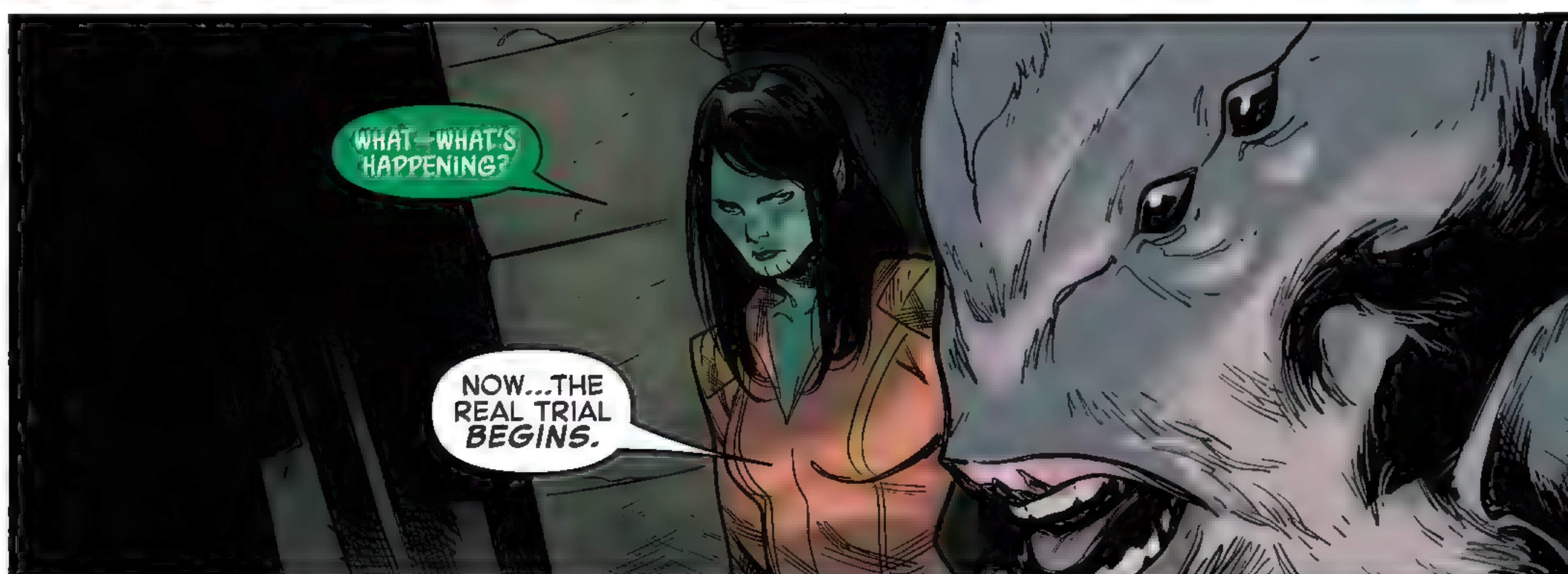
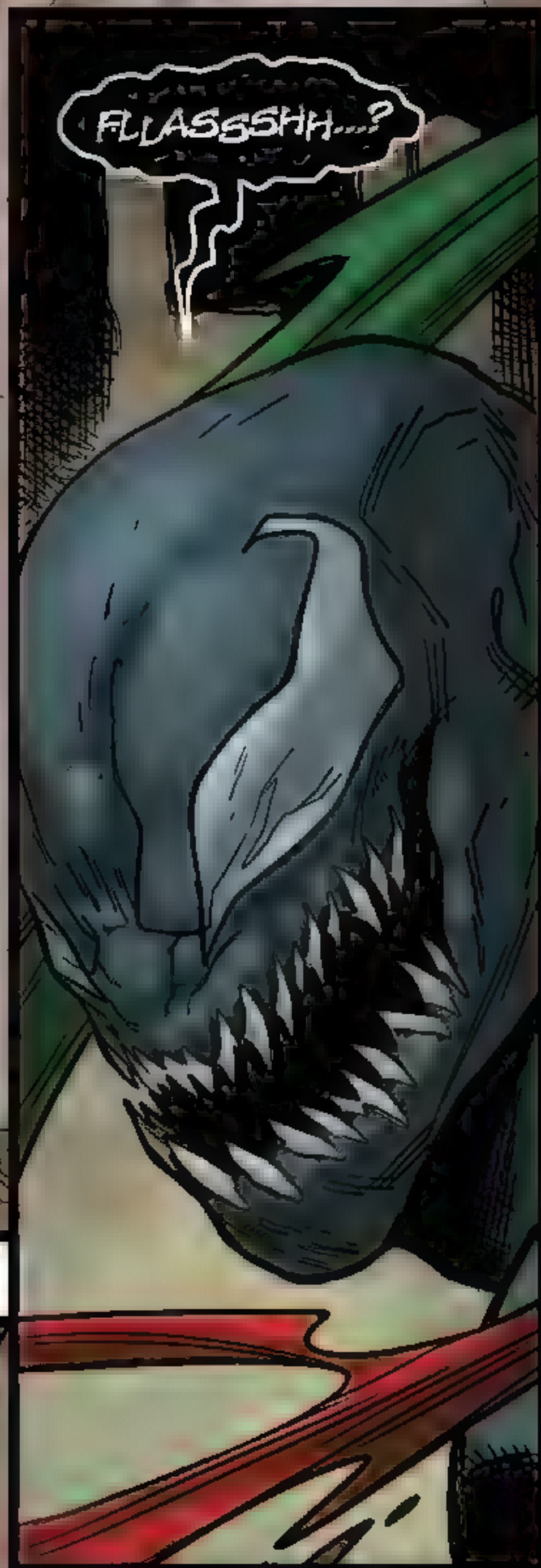
RAAARRRGH!

RRRRRR!

HISSSS!

SHOULDA
SEEN THAT
COMING,
TOO.







UM, ARE WE DEAD? IS THIS KLYNTAR HEAVEN, OR KLYNTAR HELL?

YOU ARE NOT DEAD, FLASH THOMPSON.

THIS WAS A TEST, AND YOU HAVE PASSED.

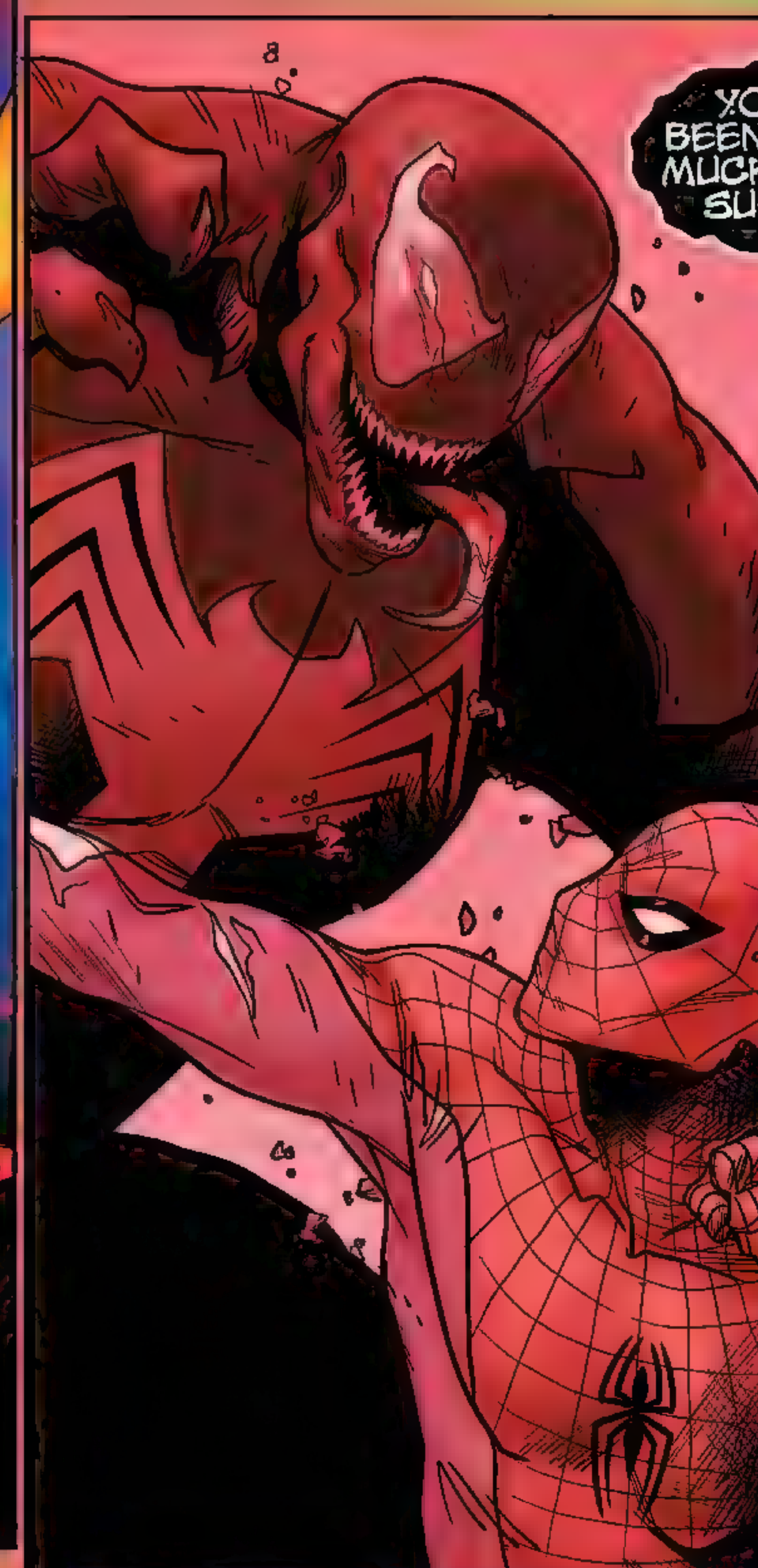


WE PASSED BY SURRENDERING?

VENOM, NOT ALL BATTLES CAN BE WON WITH VIOLENCE.



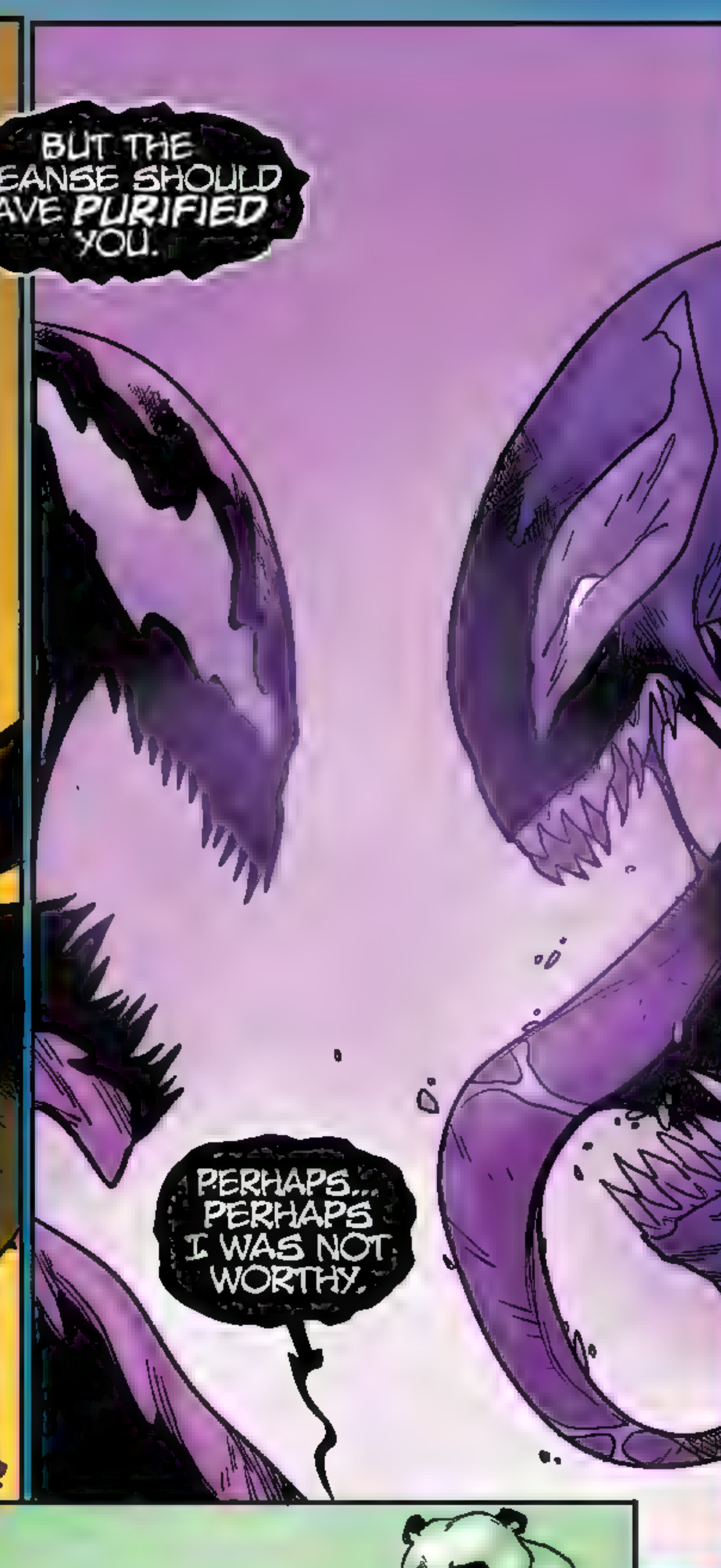
YOU STAND ACCUSED OF WALKING OFF THE PATH.



YOU HAVE BEEN THROUGH MUCH PAIN AND SUFFERING.



BUT THE CLEANSER SHOULD HAVE PURIFIED YOU.



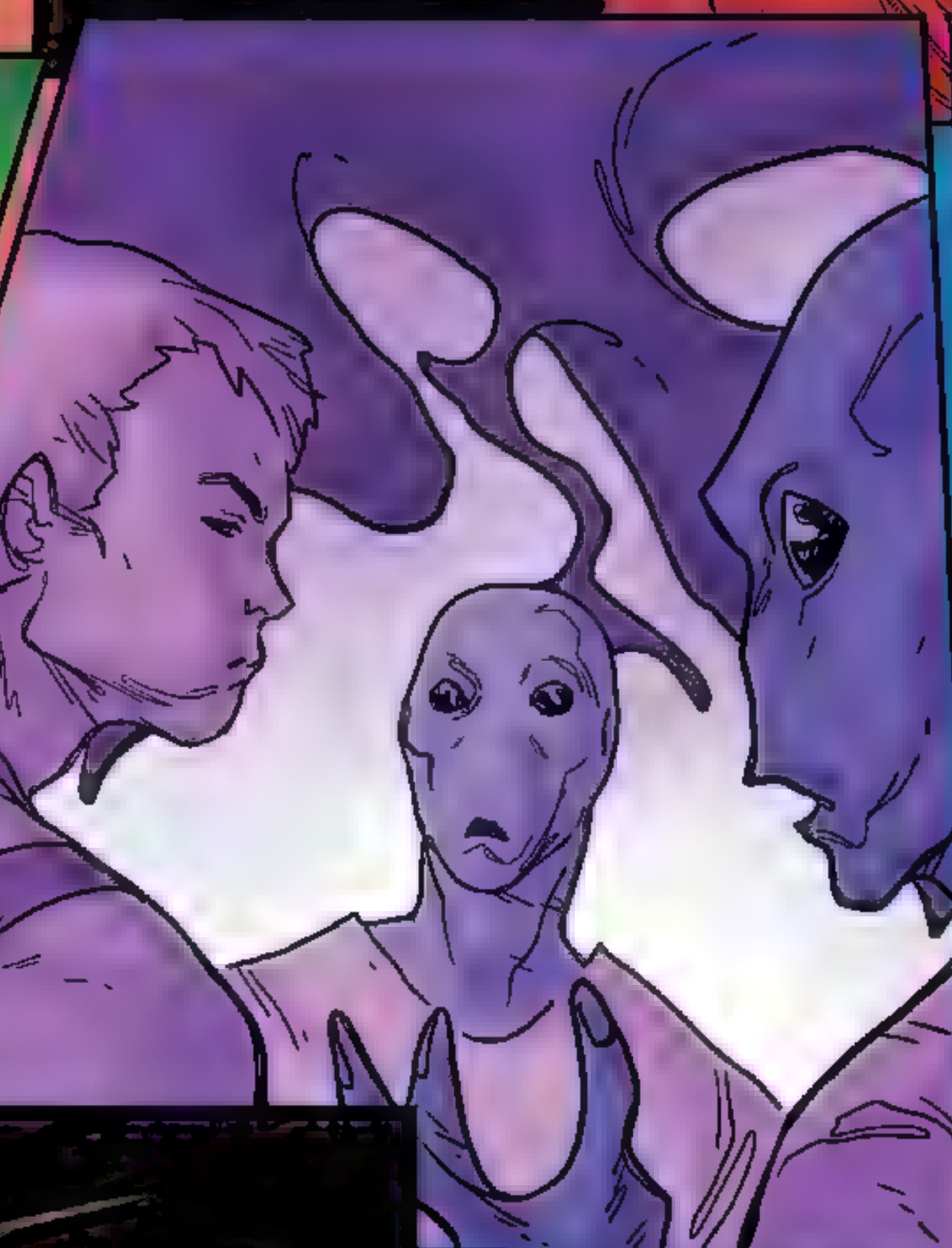
PERHAPS, PERHAPS I WAS NOT WORTHY.



YOU BOTH HAVE PROVEN WORTHY.



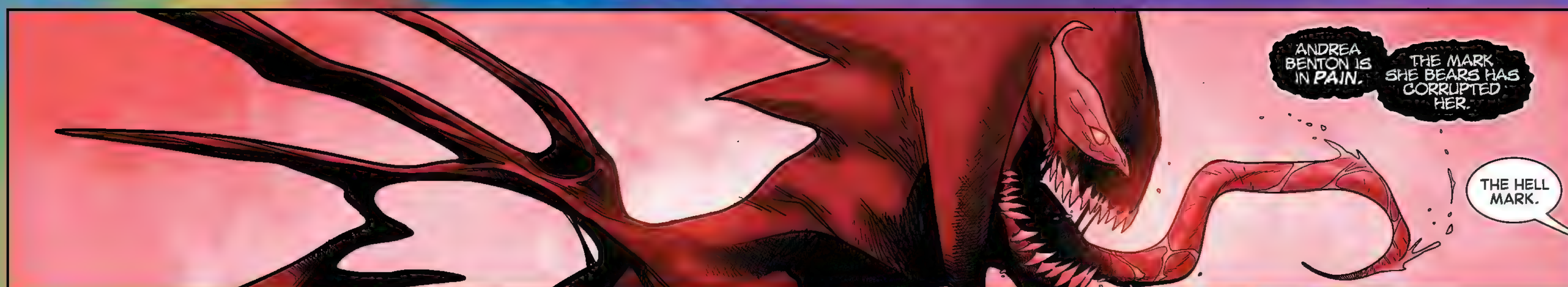
BUT THIS TEST HAS SHOWN US THAT YOUR CLEANSER WAS NOT COMPLETE.



WHEN YOU WERE CLEANSER, SOMETHING WAS MISSING. SOMEONE WAS MISSING.



ANDREA BENTON. MANIA. ANOTHER FRIEND I FAILED TO PROTECT...



ANDREA BENTON IS IN PAIN.

THE MARK SHE BEARS HAS CORRUPTED HER.

THE HELL MARK.



WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

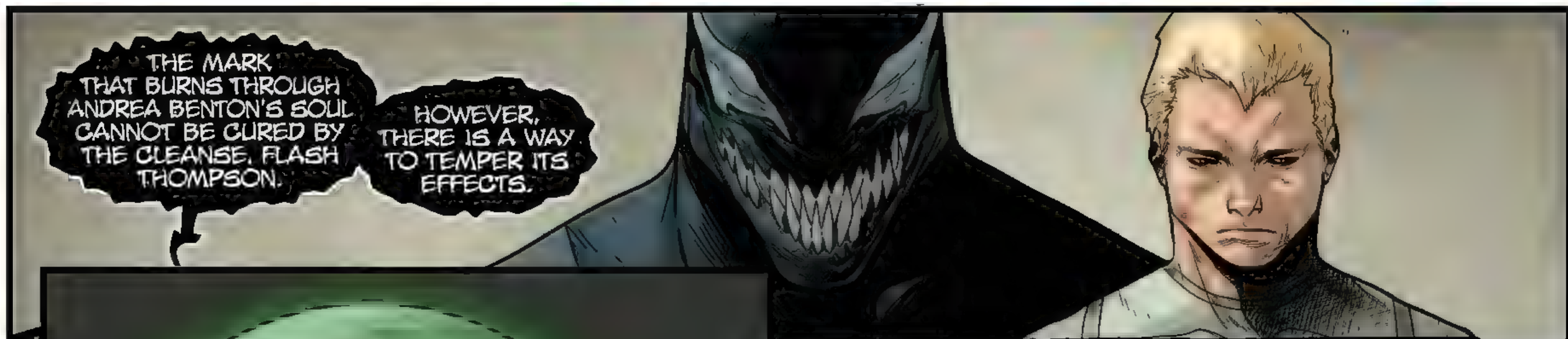
THE TRIAL
IS OVER.
THEY HAVE
PASSED THEIR
JUDGMENT.



ANDREA
BENTON
MUST BE
CLEANSED.

ONLY THEN,
VENOM, WILL YOU
BE TRULY FREE OF
THE PAIN THAT
HAUNTS YOU.

ANDREA'S
HELL MARK,
WILL THE
CLEANSE--



THE MARK
THAT BURNS THROUGH
ANDREA BENTON'S SOUL
CANNOT BE CURED BY
THE CLEANSE, FLASH
THOMPSON.

HOWEVER,
THERE IS A WAY
TO TEMPER ITS
EFFECTS.



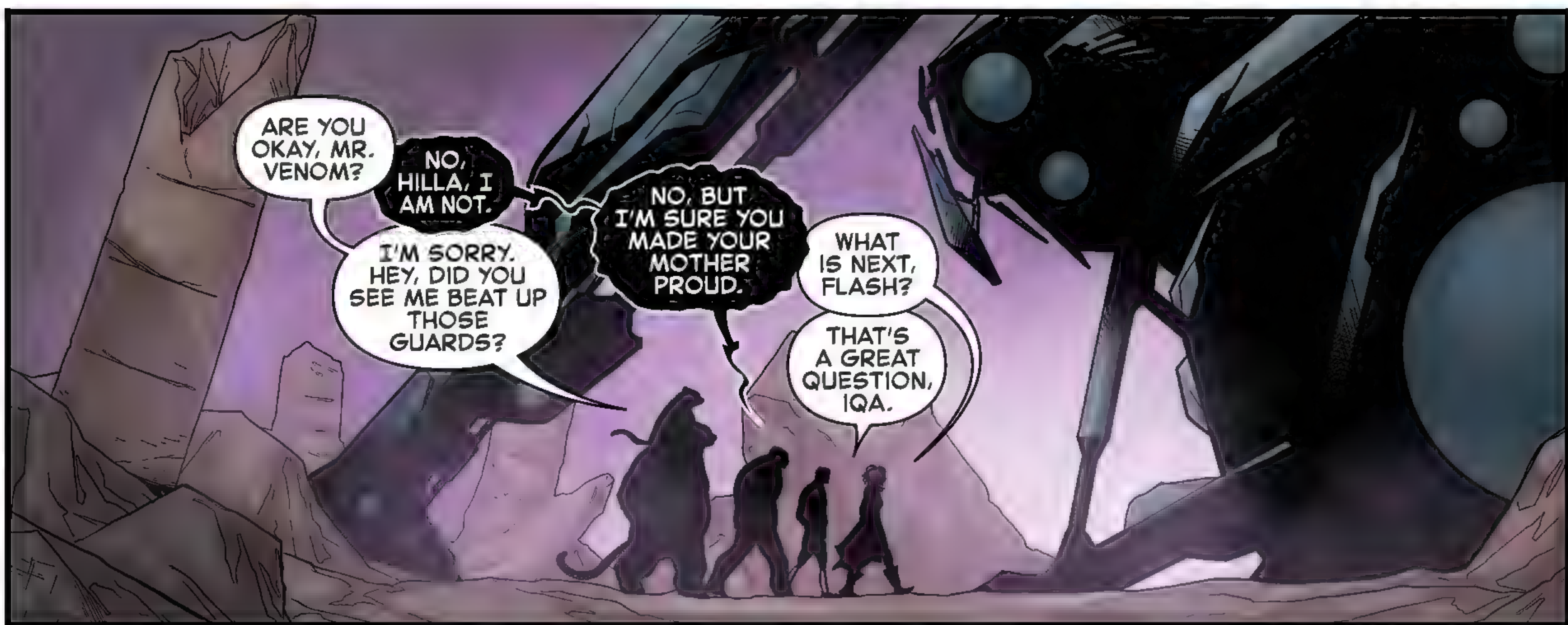
IN THE
OUTER RIM, THERE
IS A TEMPLE ON THE
LOST PLANET WENB.
INSIDE THE TEMPLE
LIES THE FOUNTAIN
OF PURITY.

A DRINK
FROM THIS FOUNTAIN
WILL KEEP ANDREA'S
DEMONS AT BAY, AND
ALLOW HER TO BE
CLEANSED.

THANK
YOU.

GO IN
PEACE, FLASH
THOMPSON.





ARE YOU
OKAY, MR.
VENOM?

NO,
HILLA, I
AM NOT.

I'M SORRY.
HEY, DID YOU
SEE ME BEAT UP
THOSE
GUARDS?

NO, BUT
I'M SURE YOU
MADE YOUR
MOTHER
PROUD.

WHAT
IS NEXT,
FLASH?

THAT'S
A GREAT
QUESTION,
IQA.



PLEASE
FORGIVE ME,
I DOUBTED.

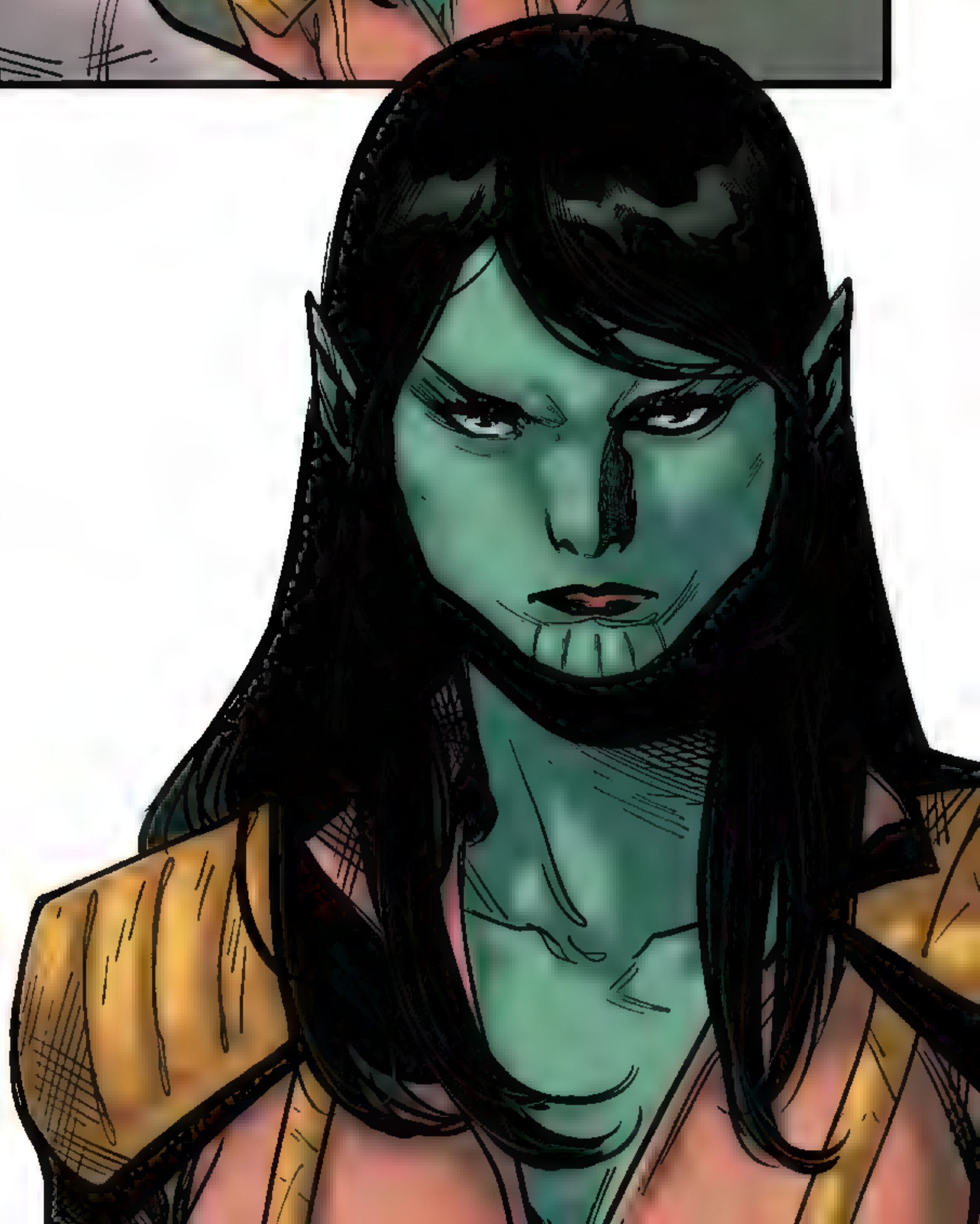
YOU STOOD
WITH YOUR
FRIENDS. A NOBLE
SENTIMENT. BUT
AGENTS OF THE
COSMOS MUST BE
ABOVE SUCH
TIES.



YOUR
KLYNTAR
IS STILL
HEALING.

GO
WITH YOUR
FRIENDS,
TARNA. WHEN
YOU
RETURN...

...WE SHALL
SEE IF THE
HONOR OF SERVING
WITH YOUR KLYNTAR
IS SOMETHING YOU
ARE STILL WORTHY
OF...





WHEN I BECAME A GUARDIAN, AND THEN AN AGENT OF THE COSMOS...I WAS SO HAPPY TO FINALLY FIND MY PLACE.

BUT THE TRUTH IS...I'VE LEFT SOME THINGS BEHIND THAT I SHOULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF A LONG TIME AGO.

THIS WHOLE MESS... IT'S MY FAULT.

AND I'VE GOT TO FIX IT.



YOU WON'T BE FIXING IT ALONE, FLASH.

WE WILL HEAD TO WENB. THIS ELIXIR SHALL BE IN YOUR HANDS IN NO TIME.

I GOT THE FEELING IT AIN'T GONNA BE EASY TO GET, PIK.

DO WE SEEM EASILY FRIGHTENED, FLASH?

I SHOULD GO WITH YOU--



NO FLASH. IT'S TIME



"...FOR YOU
TO GO HOME."

I HATE
LIARS.



I WAS
RAISED
BY ONE.

I SHOULD
HAVE KNOWN
BETTER.



I SHOULD
HAVE
PROTECTED
MY FRIEND.



PROTECTED
HER FROM THE
BIGGEST LIAR
I KNOW.

ME.

...PLEASE...
PLEASE
HELP ME...

TO BE CONTINUED!

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Hello again,

I just wanted to say thank you for giving us this amazing comic, and I look forward to reading the whole series!!! I adore the way that you have given Venom its own identity aside from Flash Thompson or its current wearer and made it part of an alien species with its own name. Earlier I noticed that you mentioned having Spider-Man make an appearance of some kind, and was wondering if you were going to incorporate other characters from the Marvel Universe like Eddie Brock, or if you were planning to make this its own timeline?

Thanks again,
Cody Tarr

Thanks so much for the kind words, Cody--and we will be seeing Marvel Universe characters as we head back to Earth for CIVIL WAR II. As you'll see on our cover for issue 11--Spider-Man is definitely going to be on Venom's radar!

Growing up, I was not into Spider-Man comics, but my brother was, and when Spider-Man was fighting this creature called Venom, it caught my eye. This living being was able to bond with a host and then morph his body into tentacles, blades, or whatever was needed; so cool.

I looked for a graphic novel containing Venom, (and Carnage, and the one or two other symbiotic creatures whose names I can't remember) but have not had much luck. I'm so glad he has his own title now. I don't know how he got into space or how Flash Thompson lost his legs, but you did explain why Venom is good guy now when he used to fight Spider-Man as a bad guy by saying it had to go back to its home planet to be re-conditioned.

The characters in the title are very imaginative (a giant panda--but don't call her that), and the writing is great. I like how each issue is basically its own adventure but all the issues as a whole connect together for a bigger storyline following Flash collecting a crew and making friends along the way.

Robert Vogt

We're all lifelong fans of Venom over here, too, Robert, so we're so happy to hear you're digging his space adventures. As for what happened to Flash's legs, check out AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #574--really fantastic and moving story.

Dear VENOM team,

I am really loving the comics. This is probably my favorite series out of all the All-New, All-Different Marvel comics. (I even prefer it over the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, and that's saying something.) It's cool to see two characters that originated in SPIDER-MAN become their own characters, and Flash and Venom's relationship

is awesome. It's funny to see Venom being a good guy, as he's always been a pretty scary-looking guy. I can't wait to see more of Venom's inner conflict in the next issue. Also, one final note is that although some people want Venom to go back to being a Spider-Man villain with Eddie Brock, please don't listen and keep VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT going!

Bernard

We agree, Bernard--VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT forever! To issue infinity and beyond! LONG LIVE VENOM!

Team VENOM,

Just finished with VENOM #8 and I'm loving the mental breakdown of the symbiote. I've been a fan of his darkness since ASM #299. Will we have any potential crossovers with CARNAGE and/or SPIDER-MAN? Also, more variant covers would rock! Love the storyline, keep it coming!

Mega Venom fan, Mike W.

We LOVE Carnage and Venom stories, too, Mike--and hope to tell one down the road, but as you'll see on the cover for the next issue, we will most definitely be seeing Spider-Man and Venom soon! Spoiler alert: there will be fisticuffs!

Hey to Robbie Thompson and the SPACE KNIGHT team!

Let me start by saying that Agent Venom is my favorite fictional character of all time, and when I heard you guys were giving him an ongoing where he was a galactic hero in space, I was very skeptical. You guys sure shut me up! I've been loving the entire series, including the new characters, especially 803, and the new capabilities for the symbiote. I just put down #7 and I have a few questions:

- 1) One of my favorite things about the previous Venom series was Mania. I still think she needs her own series and I'd love to see her on a team or two. Is there any chance of her appearing in SPACE KNIGHT? I don't know how it could happen, but I'd love to see what she's been up to.
- 2) Is there any chance of Venom appearing in CARNAGE or Carnage appearing in SPACE KNIGHT?
- 3) Is there any chance of Venom appearing in an Earth-based series in the near future?
- 4) Is there any chance of Pik Rollo, 803, or any members the SPACE KNIGHT cast of characters appearing in GUARDIANS?

Thanks for reading! Keep making amazing comics and I'll keep reading!

Rafael

Thanks for these great questions, Rafael--here are some answers:

- 1) We are all MANIACS over in the Team Venom Office, too--and as you can

see, she's most definitely back with a vengeance!

- 2) No current plans, but that's definitely a team-up/thunderdome we'd love to see down the road.

- 3) We're going to be on Earth for a nice stretch here as Venom and Guardians tie in to CIVIL WAR II!

- 4) We'll have to see if Pik Rollo and the gang survive the coming issues first!

Dear VENOM team,

First off, I'd like to say I adore Agent Venom! Easily one of my favorite Marvel characters, mainly because of Rick Remender's incredibly stunning writing! It's a shame your artist is leaving, but I'm excited for the new one to come! At first, I had my doubts on SPACE KNIGHT, but it's easily become a great sequel to Rick's take on Venom. Thompson is doing such a great job! Two questions:

- 1) Will Mania be reunited with Flash? He said he'd protect her from the hell mark.
- 2) Whatever happened to his news reporter ally and his Asgardian girlfriend? Will they be seen in upcoming issues? Anyway, thanks, guys, and I hope this gets printed in the next issue.

Michael Hach
Miami, FL.

We're all big fans of Agent Venom, too, Michael--psyched to hear you're on board with SPACE KNIGHT! As for your awesome questions:

- 1) YES! YES! YES! ALL THE YESes!
- 2) No spoilers, but Flash will definitely be touching base with people he left behind on Earth in the coming issues as he returns to deal with the events of CIVIL WAR II.

Robbie Thompson and Team Venom,

I am loving VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT! The first comic I ever collected was a VENOM hardcover by Remender, Moore, and Fowler. Flash Thompson has been my favorite hero ever since! You guys are doing an incredible job with Flash and the Klyntar. Sad to see Olivetti leave, but I am very excited to see Kim Jacinto and Gerardo Sandoval's art. I hope this comic has many, many more issues to come and I look forward to seeing where this comic will take Flash and his symbiotic companion.

Keep up the fantastic work,
John Harris

Thanks so much for being on Team Venom, John! We're having a blast making this book and are really excited for folks to see what's coming next.

Hey Space Cowboys!

So this is the first VENOM book that I've read, and I have loved the book like Venom craves adrenaline. Each issue is very good. Robbie Thompson's writing is a mixture of suspense and character-

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building. Kim Jacinto's art is very well done and animated. I like it how you guys made Venom and Flash two separate entities trying to act as one. Is Venom going to go to Earth for CIVIL WAR II to have a fight with Carnage and Toxin?

Hey fellow Space Cowboy--Venom is most definitely going to Earth for CIVIL WAR II, and while we don't have immediate plans for a Carnage or Toxin throwdown, you will be seeing Venom v. Spider-Man in the next issue!

G'day, VENOM Team!

I just finished reading issue #7 and I have to say, I haven't been this excited for the next issue in a title all year! VENOM: SPACE KNIGHT is my favorite post-SECRET WARS title. I absolutely love 803's black despondency and death-wish personality. And who doesn't love an adorable, murderous bear (I personally favor the drop-bear, myself) and her cute little cub? It's hard not to like a space opera with a quirky crew, amirite?

It's a shame we are saying goodbye to Mr. Olivetti, but I am very excited to see what Mr. Jacinto does with the art.

Cheers for giving Flash and Venom more page time!

Kind regards,
Kel W.
Australia

G'day, Kel! We all absolutely love Ariel over here, and while we miss his incredible work, it's so exciting to see what he's going to do next. And yes, who doesn't love Space Murder Bears!

Hi friends,

Found SPACE KNIGHT after falling in love with Robbie's writing in SILK and SPIDEY. Ariel's departure is a bummer (Flash is a total hunk in his art style), but Kim's drawings are delightful. Java's got a brilliant grasp on the relationship between color temperature and atmosphere. One might even say it's... symbiotic? Can't wait to see where you'll take us next.

Thanks for making the book I most look forward to pulling each month.

Joe Schenck
Seattle, WA

P.S. Will Cindy Moon ever meet Flash?
Asking for a friend.

Thanks so much for the kind words about Silk and Spidey, Joe--glad they brought you over to Venom. We'd LOVE to see Cindy meet Flash and we'd be THRILLED to see Silk meet Venom. Venom-Silk?!?! We'll see...

Thanks for all the great letters, gang--keep 'em coming!

Hugs,
Team Venom

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS **NEXT?**



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SPACE KNIGHT **#11**

